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In re Application of: Lal et al.

Title: DIAGNOSTIC MARKER FOR HUMAN CANCERS

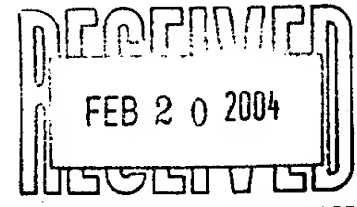
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated **November 10, 2003**. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.